

REMARKS

Claims 11-18 are currently pending in the present application.

Claims 1-4 and 7-10 have been canceled, without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter thereof, in accordance with the Examiner's requirement for restriction as set forth in the Office Action. Claims 5 and 6, which were objected to in the Office Action, have been canceled and new claims 11-18, directed to the subject matter of canceled claims 5 and 6, have been added in this Amendment. New claim 11 corresponds to canceled claim 5 and has been presented in independent form, as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action at page 4. New claim 12 corresponds to canceled claim 6 and depends from new independent claim 11. New claim 13, which depends from new independent claim 11, has been added to more particularly point out certain preferred embodiments of Applicants' claimed invention. Support for new claim 13 can be found in the Specification at page 4, lines 26-28. New claims 14 -18 have also been added to more particularly point out and distinctly claim certain preferred embodiments of Applicants' claimed invention and support for these claims can be found in the Specification, for example, at page 6, line 27 through page 7, line 7. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments herein introduce no new matter. Additionally, no additional claims fees are necessitated by the amendments made herein. A complete listing of all claims ever presented in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1) is contained herein. Accordingly, entry of the amendments made herein is proper and respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner had objected to claims 5 and 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (namely original claim 1). As explained above, Applicants have canceled claims 5 and 6 and rewritten claim 5 as new independent claim 11, as suggested by the Examiner. Additionally, Applicants have rewritten claim 6 as new dependent claim 12 which depends from claim 11. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the objection should be removed. New claims 13-18 depend from claim 11, the subject matter of which the Examiner has indicated as being allowable, and therefore are also in condition for allowance.


In view of the amendments made herein and the remarks set forth above, Applicants submit that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art of record and

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known to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration, withdrawal of the objection and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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